



E-NEWSLETTER

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From Our President:

Hello PA APT Members!

I am so excited to take the reins as your new President! I have been on the Board of Directors since 2019 and served as Secretary and Vice President before being inducted as President at our annual conference board meeting on April 28th. For more information about myself, and all of our board members, please visit our [website](#) and while you are there, be sure to explore all that is going on in PA!

As a board one of our goals is to find meaningful ways to connect with all of you, spread the word about the importance of play therapy, and have fun while doing it. We are always open to new ideas, do you have one? That's great! Share it with me or another board member or post it to our social media platforms. Links for our Facebook and Instagram pages can be found on our website and in this newsletter. We're always on the lookout for new ways to connect and share to support one another and the clients we serve.

As we approach the summer months, I hope you all take time to play, not only with the children you work with but with family and friends. Play is not just found in our work but in our daily lives to refresh us and help us enjoy our time off. What are your plans for fun this summer? Swimming, water balloon toss, being in nature, going to the movies, sitting around a campfire, making s'mores? Share them with all of us! If you would like to be featured in a future newsletter, let us know what you are up to and you will have the opportunity to be in the spotlight!

I look forward to working with all of you in the next year as we continue to play!

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Member Spotlight



Danielle Budash Newkam is a licensed psychologist and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor in Hershey, PA. Dr. Newkam primarily conducts individual therapy with young children coping with internalizing and externalizing disorders, and trauma histories. Dr. Newkam also loves children's books and has combined her passion for bibliotherapy and play therapy into her therapeutic work with children.

Throughout her professional career, Dr. Newkam has always dreamed of writing a children's book of her own. With help from her new collaborator's, Mythic North Press LLC and Italic Stories, that dream has come true. Dr. Newkam recently released her debut title, *Ruff Ruff Remi Teaches Relationship Tools*.

Dr. Newkam received her doctorate degree from the Combined-Integrated Doctoral program in Clinical and School Psychology at James Madison University. Dr. Newkam has presented on numerous topics related to past research interests as well as play therapy. She has presented at the Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference on several occasions and is a graduate of APT's Leadership Academy.

Introducing Ruff Ruff Remi!

Ruff Ruff Remi Teaches Relationship Tools can be purchased online through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Walmart.

Ruff Ruff Remi has also been selected as a finalist for the Bright Light Book Awards! Support Danielle by voting for her book by June 23rd! The winner will be announced June 30th!

See the links below to order and to vote!

THE Feelings & Lady Ruff Ruff Remi

Book a visit today!

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Represented by: Italic Illustrations www.italicillustrator.com

Mythic North Press www.mythiconorthpress.com

Throughout this playful, interactive book, Remi teaches children the tools they need to build positive relationships with others including furry canine friends.

To order:

https://www.amazon.com/Ruff-Remi-Teaches-Relationship-Tools/dp/1954177410/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1LONRPTOKDEPU&keywords=ruff+ruff+remi&qid=1679917310&prefix=ruff+ruff+remi%2Caps%2C80&sr=8-1

To vote:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBZ65Q2>



Looking for In Person Training in PA??

Dr. Danielle Newkam will be offering a 3-hour, in person workshop on using bibliotherapy in Play Therapy in central PA! Look for the announcement in upcoming PA APT communications!

**APT's 2023 Annual Conference is happening October 10th-15th in Palm Springs, CA. Registration is now open!
For more information, visit:**

<https://www.a4pt.org/general/custom.asp?page=AnnualAPTConference>

“It is a happy talent to know how to play.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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